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Letter dated 19 April 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter addressed to you by Vojislav Koštunica, President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, relative to the terrorist attack committed against Yugoslav citizens in Pristina on 18 April 2001 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dejan **Sahovic**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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It is with deep regret and even deeper exasperation that I have to draw your attention to the fact that an officer of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia was killed in a terrorist action in Pristina, on 18 April, while three people were seriously injured. A large quantity of explosives, activated by remote control, was used in the attack. This was obviously a large-scale action that required extensive preparations and involved a large number of people. Unfortunately, this is yet another in a series giving evidence of the extremely poor security situation in Kosovo, which particularly affects the few remaining non-Albanians. Despite the unambiguous provisions of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), it is clear that UNMIK and KFOR have failed to fulfil their tasks. This specifically refers to the return of refugees, which was made possible for Albanians only.

At our last meeting at Geneva, on 30 March, I pointed out to you that terrorism had escalated among Albanian extremists. They have been reinforced meanwhile, and, to all appearances, encouraged, or at least incited, by insufficiently energetic measures by UNMIK and KFOR. I would also like to remind you that the attack of 16 February on a bus near Podujevo was performed by remote control as well. Such monstrous actions imply not only the perfidiousness of the persons who committed them, but also that they have used the past year or year and a half for further training and advancement.

I am convinced that you will condemn this act, but I have to stress that I expect the international civilian and security presence not to settle for verbal condemnations this time. It is no longer enough to call for peace and respect for law and order; the point is to prevent such actions resolutely, and do everything to nip terrorism in the bud. It is hard to talk about the establishment of democratic institutions in an area where death is sown with impunity.

(*Signed*) Vojislav **Koštunica**
President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia